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WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell today issued the following statement on the eighth anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks:

"Today, we remember the thousands of innocent men, women and children who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. From the innocent civilians who died directly in the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, to the fire fighters and rescue workers who sacrificed their lives to save others, to those who fought heroically on United Flight 93 to save the lives of countless other innocent Americans, we take this day to honor their memories, recognize their service, and remember the strength of our nation. My thoughts and prayers are with those who lost loved ones on that fateful day."

Earlier this week, Mitchell joined his colleagues in the House to pass H.Res 722, a bipartisan resolution honoring the lives of those who perished, recognizing those who committed heroic acts of service, and resolving to keep the nation secure. The resolution passed in the House by a vote of 416 to 0.